

2009 Global Mission Lenten Series

Week Three Worship Resources

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Prayers

Let us offer our prayers to God, guided by the prayer of Francis of Assisi.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Let us pray for peace in India and around the world. For peace where there is hostility between your children – Hindu, Muslim, Christian, tribal and others....

Where there is hatred, let us sow love.

Let us pray for the people forced from their homes and communities because of their faith, their beliefs....

Where there is injury, pardon.

Let us pray for the families that have experienced the pain of death and loss in the midst of communal violence....

Where there is doubt, faith.

Let us pray for those forced to convert to save life, home and family....

Where there is despair, hope.

Let us pray for those who have lost home and family for the sake of their faith....

Where there is darkness, light.

Let us pray for those who use religion for political means and who stir up hatred in the name of faith....

Where there is sadness, joy.

Let us pray for all your children who are experiencing sorrow and grief....

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

Let us pray for those who work in palliative care and hospice around the world. May they bring solace and love to those who face disease and life-threatening illness. May your presence be felt in their presence....

To be understood as to understand;

Let us pray for ears to listen, hearts to hear....

To be loved as to love.

Let us pray that your love will become our love – for all of your children everywhere....

For it is in giving that we receive;

Let us pray for generous hearts and serving hands....

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

Let us pray for your forgiveness as we forgive others....

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Let us pray for those who have died and are dying, that they experience the abundance of life that you promise – even in death....

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.